

**FRIENDS OF THE
D.D. COLLINS HOUSE
Membership Application**

_____ New Member

_____ Renewing Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(Please include your e-mail address if you wish to receive membership updates and information about upcoming events at the D.D. Collins House.)

ANNUAL DUES ~ PAYABLE IN SEPTEMBER:

_____ \$25. Individual Membership

_____ \$40. Family Membership

_____ \$50. Business/ Organization Membership

_____ \$100. Patron Membership

_____ \$250. & Up Benefactor Membership

I am interested in volunteering in the following:
(mark all that apply)

_____ Docent

_____ Historian

_____ Event Planning

_____ Gardening

_____ Fundraising

_____ Marketing

_____ Other

**IN HONOR OF...
IN MEMORY OF...**

If you desire to honor or memorialize someone, complete the following and mail to the address below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Notes: _____

**Join us today!
Your membership matters.**

Mailing Address:

**FRIENDS OF THE
D.D. COLLINS HOUSE
P.O. BOX 327
COLLINSVILLE, IL 62234**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CALL
618.420.0288**

FRIENDS

OF THE D.D. COLLINS HOUSE



❧ COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS ❧

Working together to appreciate history, learn, teach, share and experience life in Collinsville in the mid-1800s.

Friends of the D. D. Collins House is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2013 to help promote and preserve the historic D.D. Collins House.



Daniel Dove Collins and his wife,
Elizabeth Anderson Collins

Daniel Dove Collins, the first President of the Collinsville Village Board, built this Greek Revival architectural style house in 1845 at the corner of West Main and Center Streets. As business grew in the 1890s, the house was moved to 621 West Main Street. In 2015 the house was relocated once again a half block to the west, at the corner of West Main and Combs Avenue.

In 1998 the late Irving Dilliard purchased the house and donated it to the City of Collinsville. The house was in considerable disrepair at that time, and the City's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) was given the task of the restoration of the house into a museum house and the preservation of lifestyle in Collinsville from 1845-1880. The HPC also had the D.D. Collins House placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today the restoration of both the interior and exterior has been completed. Out buildings, including a drying shed, well and privy have been added; and work has begun on furnishing the house with period appropriate furniture and accessories.

Flower, herb and vegetable gardens have been planted and are maintained by the Collinsville Garden Club. The gardens will serve as a

Join us in bringing the D.D. Collins House to life!

continuing education project to teach about plant life in Collinsville in the mid-1800s.

The Daniel Dove Collins House and adjacent Collins Park provide a beautiful entrance into Collinsville's Uptown Business District.

Although the City funded its move and final restoration, over the years the HPC has applied for and been awarded several grants, including county, state and federal, to help with the restoration of the house. In addition, many private donations have been received, all of which have enabled the preservation of the museum house as well as the acquisition of period appropriate furnishings.

SOME PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Removing the attached store and replacement of a foundation wall
- Rebuilding the porch, columns and trim work
- Restoring the windows and doors
- Rebuilding the roof support system and installing cedar shingles in the original design pattern
- Rebuilding the existing chimneys and removal of one that was not original to the house
- Reopening the fireplaces and installing mantles appropriate to the period
- Restoring damaged areas of the floor
- Replacing and sistering some floor and ceiling joists
- Restoring and/or replacing damaged plaster
- Painting the exterior and interior with original colors as reported by microscopic testing of the old paint layers

- Adding an ADA compliant restroom
- Installing HVAC, new electrical & plumbing fixtures, and insulation

Now that the house has been moved, the renovation completed, the park and educational gardens designed, it is time to open the D.D. Collins House as a Historic Museum House. That's where you come in!

How you can be involved as a Friend of the D.D. Collins House:

- Maintain the educational gardens
- Assist with selecting interior furnishings
- Assist with cataloguing donations and acquisitions
- Assist with displays of historic artifacts
- Serve as a Historian, researching the Collins Family
- Serve as a docent, giving tours and sharing stories about the Collins Family
- Serve on the Membership Committee
- Serve on the Fundraising Committee
- Serve on the Marketing Committee
- Develop educational materials and programs



This photo taken during restoration is a close-up view of the handrails on the front stairs and walkway lamp.